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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Larson 3124

Dear Mr. Larson:

Thank you for writing to the City of Philadelphia (the “City”) Law Department (“Law”) with your request for information. At the outset, please be advised that requests for records to state and local agencies in Pennsylvania are generally governed by the Pennsylvania Right To Know Law, 65 P.S. 67.101, *et seq.* (the “Act”).

On November 26, 2018, Law received your Right To Know Request seeking the following records in connection with the United Bid for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, often referred to as United 2026:

Item 1: copies of the signed Host City Agreement, Training Site Agreement, and Stadium Agreement entered into by the city, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association between October 4th, 2017 and March 16th, 2018, at which time the United Bid committee submitted its bid book to FIFA (including all attachments and appendices); and

Item 2: Copies of subsequent Host City, Training Site, and Stadium Agreements entered into by the city, the USSF, and FIFA as a result of negotiation of the terms of the original agreements between March 16th, 2018 and the date this request is processed (please include draft agreements)

On December 3, 2018, Law advised you it would require an additional 30 days to respond to your request. On January 2, MuckRock agreed to an extension of time for the City to respond to your request. This constitutes the final response to your request.

Please be advised that the City has not entered into any agreement with FIFA and as a result, there are no records responsive to your request. It is not a denial of access under the Act if the records requested do not exist. *Cf. Jenkins v. Pennsylvania Dep't of State*, O.O.R. Dkt. AP 2009-0065 (Pa. O.O.R. April 2, 2009).

Should you wish to contest any part of this decision, you may file an appeal with the Office of Open records as provided for in 65 P.S. § 67.1101. You have 15 business days from the date your request was denied or deemed denied to challenge the City's response. Please direct any appeal to the Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 333 Market St., 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234 and copy the undersigned open records officer.

Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully



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Cc: Valerie Robinson, Esq., Law